

EXECUTIVE ORDER

68-1

ADMINISTRATIVE STATE AGENCY AND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING
(AS AMENDED) Jan. 21, 1971

WHEREAS, on July 14, 1965, the Congress of the United States passed the older Americans Act of 1965 in which it was declared that the older people of our nation are entitled to equal opportunity to the full and free enjoyment of numerous objectives in accordance with our American way of life; and

WHEREAS, these include an adequate retirement income, adequate attention to the best possible physical and mental health, suitable housing, institutional restorative services, employment opportunities, civic, cultural and recreational activity opportunities, social assistance provided through community services and "The free exercise of individual initiative in planning and managing their own lives"; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide retirement years in health, honor and dignity after lifetimes of contributing to this nation's growing economy, the Congress further declared that "it is the joint and several duty and responsibility of the governments of the United States and of the several States and their political subdivisions to assist our older citizens" in their quest to obtain these objectives; and

WHEREAS, Arizona, with its magnificent climate, is a natural area to which our older citizens can retire and enjoy their autumn years with the assistance, if need be, of their elected officials at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, Part I of Executive Order 66-7 established the State Agency on Aging within the Arizona State Department of Health, and Part II of Executive Order 66-7 established the Arizona Advisory Council on Aging to advise and work with the Commissioner of the Arizona State Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Arizona, in its wisdom, transferred in effect this body created by Executive Order 66-7 to the State Department of Public Welfare and appropriated the funds for said agency to be administered by the Arizona State Department of Public Welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Governor executed Executive Order 68-1 to conform with the State legislation; and

WHEREAS, in 1969 the Congress of the United States amended the older American Act of 1965:

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arizona by the Arizona Constitution and Laws of Arizona, and in carrying out the intent of this legislation, Executive Order 68-1 is hereby revoked and the agency created thereby is reconstituted as follows:

Part 1. Establishment of the Arizona State Agency to administer the State programs on Aging.

Section 101 (a) There is hereby established within the Arizona State Department of Public Welfare an Administration on Aging to be known as the State Agency on Aging, hereinafter referred to as the State Agency.

Section 101 (b) The Administration shall be under the direction of the Commissioner of the State Department of Public Welfare and with advice of the State Advisory Council on Aging as hereby established on Part II of this Order.

Section 102 It shall be the duty and function of the State Agency in carrying out the provisions of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-73) as amended for the State to:

- A. Cooperate with the Federal Commissioner on Aging and provide information to the Administration on Aging, Department of Health, Education and Welfare upon request.
- B. Prepare a State Plan for the administration of the State program for the aging which shall set forth the provisions contained in Section 303 of the Older Americans Act of 1965.
- C. Serve as a clearing house for information related to State problems of the aged and aging.
- D. Develop plans, conduct and arrange for research and demonstration programs in the field of aging.
- E. Accept and disburse funds to carry out the functions contained herein and make grants for projects and programs in the field of Aging.
- F. Provide consultation to counties and subdivisions thereof with respect to local community programs for the aged and aging.
- G. Prepare, publish and disseminate educational materials dealing with the health and welfare of older persons.
- H. Gather, or cause to be gathered, statistics in the field of aging which Federal agencies or other State departments are not collecting.
- I. Stimulate more effective use of existing resources and available services for the aged and aging, including coordination of the activities of other State departments, and the collaboration with such departments, agencies or commissions, with county officials and voluntary agencies and with State and local professional associations and societies for the aged and aging.

Section 103 The State Agency shall provide necessary staff services to the State Advisory Council on Aging, including provisions under applicable State laws for reimbursement to individual members thereof for travel expenses incurred in connection with official meetings of the Council consistent with funds available therefor.

Section 104 Costs of administration of the State plan by the State Agency shall be in conformance with the provisions of Section 304 of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended, and with all applicable State laws.

Section 105 The State Agency shall include in its annual report, as required by Arizona Revised Statute 36-137, a section with respect to the State's program on aging.

Section 106 The State Agency shall consult with the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, upon request, with respect to grants to or contracts with any public or non-profit agency, organization or institution in the State for the purposes set forth in Titles IV and V of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended.

Part II. Establishment of Arizona Advisory Council on Aging.

Section 201 There is hereby established the Arizona Advisory Council on Aging, hereinafter referred to as the Council.

Section 202 The Council shall be composed of fifteen (15) members appointed by the Governor. No less than fifty per cent (50%) of the members shall be consumers or potential consumers of services provided under the Older American Act of 1965, as amended. The State Agency shall submit recommendations for membership. Members appointed to the Council shall have a knowledge of, and an established basic interest in, the problems affecting Arizona's older citizens and members shall be selected with due regard to geographic and other elements of representation in order that as many divergent views as possible can be considered by the Council.

Section 203 Each member of the Council shall be appointed for a term of three years, except those appointed to fill a vacancy on the Council, and those persons shall be appointed only for the remainder of the term they fulfill. Of those persons first appointed, five (5) shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, five (5) shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years, and five (5) shall be appointed for a full term of three (3) years.

Section 204 The Council shall advise the

State Agency, through the Commissioner of the Arizona State Department of Public Welfare, on all matters or problems with respect to the administration of the State plan on Aging as are referred to the Council by the State Agency and, in performing this function, the Council shall not be limited to provisions of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended.

Section 205 The Council shall convene in formal meeting at the call of the State Agency through the Commissioner of the Arizona State Department of Public Welfare, but in no case less than two (2) times each fiscal year and, for such formal meetings, a quorum shall consist of no less than nine (9) members present. Recommendations to the State Agency by the Council shall be represented by a simple majority vote of members present of a quorum in formal meeting. However, minority opinions with respect to any Council recommendation may be formally submitted in writing to the State Agency through the Chairman of the Council.

Section 206 The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary of the Council shall be designated each calendar year from the Council membership by the State Agency through the Commissioner of the Arizona State Department of Public Welfare and approved by the Governor. An Executive Secretary to serve the Council shall be designated from among the staff (personnel) of the State Agency.

Section 207 Except for reimbursement of expenses incurred as provided in Section 103 of this Order, members of the Council shall serve without remuneration.


Section 208 The Dean of the Medical School of the University of Arizona, or his designee, and the Commissioner of Public Welfare shall be Ex-Officio members of the Council.

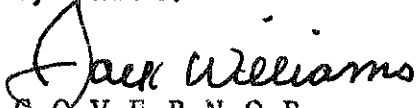
Section 209 All executive departments and agencies of the Government of the State of Arizona are requested to cooperate with the Committee in the performance of its duties and studies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this 21st day of January in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-one and of the Independence of the United States the One Hundred and Ninety-fifth.

ATTEST:


Secretary of State


GOVERNOR